Proposal of Expenditure Finance Commission for Downsizing the Staff Strength

3738. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has declined the proposal made by the Expenditure Finance Commission for downsizing the staff strength ;

(b) if so, whether the refusal to reduce the staff strength was announced with regard to a particular unit only; and

(c) If so, the details thereof alongwith the total surplus staff in the Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) Decisions on matters such as the report of the Expenditure Finance Commission are required to be taken on the basis of consultations among the various Ministries and Departments involved in terms of the Allocation of Business Rules 1961 of the Government of India. The consultation process is not yet over.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

DD and AIR projects in Tamil Nadu

3739. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The details of projects pertaining to Doordarshan and AIR in Tamil Nadu under implementation and their present position; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) The details of AIR and Doordarshan projects, presently under implementation in Tamil Nadu, is given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) These projects are under different stages of implementation and are likely to be completed within the next three years.